

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
MARCH 4, 2003  
6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bernice G. Scott, Chair; Joan B. Brady, Vice-Chair; Susan Brill; Paul Livingston; Joseph McEachern; Anthony Mizzell; L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.; Kit Smith; Thelma M. Tillis; James Tuten

**OTHERS PRESENT:** T. Cary McSwain, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Carrie Neal, Tony McDonald, Milton Pope, Monique Walters, Ashley Bloom, Pam Davis, Roxanne Matthews, Michael Criss, Marsheika Martin, Larry Smith, Amelia Linder, Dan Lane

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:10 p.m.

**INVOCATION** – The Invocation was given by Mr. Michael Lett.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENTATION**

- a. **CASA – Ms. Kelly Davis**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Tuten moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to add a Resolution granting a railroad easement to the agenda as item 6-a and renumbering the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated item 2.a. need to be changed from 03-31MA to 03-01MA.

Ms. Michielle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, made the following corrections to the agenda:

- Items 2.a. and 2.b. need to be listed on the Consent Agenda

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT** – No one signed up to speak.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS** – There were no items on the agenda needing Executive Session.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Session: February 18, 2003**

Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## **REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. McSwain gave the following report:

- There will be a **Co-location Subcommittee meeting** with Paul Livingston, Jim Tuten and Joseph McEachern at 4:30 on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> in the Administrator's Conference Room to discuss co-location sites.
- There has been a legislative alert from the Association of Counties. **Senate Bill 110** is a proposed constitutional amendment which would destroy County's ability to raise revenues and meet fiscal obligations by proposing to cap millages of counties so that millage rates cannot be raised beyond their current level. He stated every other year it could be raised for emergency, non-recurring situations only. There will be a meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee at the Gessette Building, Room 407. Council members were urged to attend the meeting to express opinions regarding the pending bill.
- Mr. McSwain just returned from the **National Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Washington D.C.** He stated there were three major issues that are being proposed:
  1. The federal government requests consideration of passing a federal economic growth package directed to stimulate the economy that provides significant aid for state and local governments. Congress is debating these issues.
  2. Retailers and states where internet catalog sales are being delivered will be required to pay sales tax as mandated in each particular state where the goods will be delivered.
  3. Congress has enacted a Homeland Security funding in the amount of \$3.5 billion dollars to go to the state and local governments.

## **REPORT OF CLERK OF COUNCIL**

Ms. Finch reported on the following three items:

- The Chamber of Commerce is hosting their **2003 Ambassador of the Year Breakfast**. Mr. Charles T. Cole, Jr., Regional President of Wachovia, will be honored. RSVPs are expected by Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The breakfast will take place on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.
- The **A&F Work session** will remain as scheduled for Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.
- Council was invited to attend a **dinner/roast honoring Dr. Milton Kimpson** at Benedict College. This will take place on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Council members were informed to contact the Clerk if they were interested in attending. The RSVP date is March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

Ms. Scott opened the following public hearings:

- Gateway Detention Pond/Quit Claim
- Gateway Drainage Easement
- Ordinance Amendment: Quit Claim Deeds in the Olympia Community

No one signed up to speak to any of the items. The floor was closed to the public hearings.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the following consent items:

- **Gateway Detention Pond/Quit Claim** [Third Reading]
- **Gateway Drainage Easement** [Third Reading]
- **03-36MA, Greg Lehman, From RU to PUD-1R, Single Family detached Sbdv,, TMS 10506-02-01/02 & 01509-01-01, Three Dog Road near Lake Murray Elementary** [Second Reading]
- **Ordinance to Authorize easement to SCE&G at the County Administration Building** [First Reading]
- **Broad River Heights Sanitary Sewer Project**
- **Award of contract for HVAC renovation/replacement at the Judicial Center, Administration Building and Health Department**
- **Airport Terminals & Hangars**
- **CASA – Request for full-time employee**

The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **THIRD READING ITEM**

#### **Ordinance Amendment: Quit Claim Deeds in the Olympia Community**

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to defer this item to the next meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **SECOND READING ITEMS**

#### **03-01MA, Greg Douglas, From D-1 to RS-3, Single Family detached S/D, TMS 19803-03-07, Windsor Lake Blvd**

Mr. Smith stated only lot 6 need to be approved, not lots 6 and 7.

Mr. McEachern moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to defer this item in order for staff to correct the ordinance. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Sheriff's Department: Storage Building**

Mr. Dan Lane, Sheriff's Department, wanted to make sure that an additional amount of \$37,000.00 is added to the total amount. Mr. McSwain state that was the committee's recommendation that if the money was needed, it would be available.

Ms. Scott wanted the record to reflect that the language is included in the amount.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**East Richland County Public Service District: Bond Issuance**

Mr. McSwain stated no action is needed from Council at this time. He stated a public hearing will held on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

This was received as information.

**REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

**Notification of Vacancy on Employee Grievance Committee-3**

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee recommended advertising for three vacancies on this committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Notification of appointments to be made on the Employee Grievance Committee**

Mr. McEachern stated there are two vacancies on this committee with one application received. The committee recommended appointing Mr. Mike Spearman to fill one seat and re-advertising the second position. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Notification of appointments to be made on the Library Board of Trustees**

Mr. McEachern stated there is one vacancy on this board with three applications received.

The vote was as follows:

Dubose  
Scott

Pollard  
Pearce  
Mizzell  
Brady  
Tuten  
Brill  
Smith

Wilson  
Livingston  
McEachern  
Tillis

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Mr. Rox W. Pollard was appointed to the seat.

**Notification of appointments to be made to the Planning Commission**

Mr. McEachern stated there are two vacancies on this board with eight applicants.

The vote was as follows:

<u>Garrison</u>	<u>Leven</u>	<u>Lucius</u>	<u>Miller</u>	<u>Morgan</u>	<u>Palmer</u>	<u>Riffle</u>	<u>Rust</u>
0	Brill	Pearce	Tuten	Livingston	Pearce	0	0
		Livingston	Smith	McEachern	Mizzell		
		Mizzell		Smith	Brady		
		Brady		Tillis	Scott		
		Tuten					
		Brill					
		McEachern					
		Tillis					

Ms. Marcia M. Lucius received the majority votes; however, there was a tie vote between Mr. Morgan and Mr. Palmer. The vote taken in order to break the tie was as follows:

<u>Morgan</u>	<u>Palmer</u>
Livingston	Pearce
Brill	Mizzell
McEachern	Scott
Smith	Brady
Tillis	Tuten

There was a second tie vote.

Ms. Smith moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to carry over all of the nominees to the next meeting.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to appoint Ms. Marcia M. Lucius and move the other two applicants forward to the next meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ITEMS**

**Resolution for railroad easement**

Mr. Fred Jones updated Council on this issue.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the Resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT** – No one signed up to speak at this time.

**MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pearce – Requested a resolution without reference for the Mental Health Association of South Carolina, which would be attached to an application form so they will be eligible to receive a grant to provide transportation for mentally ill people. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to approve a Resolution without reference honoring Mr. Milton Kimpson. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Tillis moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, requested a resolution without reference honoring Mr. Steve Wilson at Keenan High School as secondary Principal of the Year. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Point of Personal Privilege** – Ms. Scott thanked Council members for standing in for her at meetings that she is unable to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.

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Bernice G. Scott, Chair

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Joan B. Brady, Vice-Chair

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Kit Smith

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Thelma M. Tillis

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James Tuten

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin